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"2. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED POTENTIAL DIFFICULTY WITH EAST GERMANS ON OUR LANGUAGE DESIGNED TO AVOID QUESTION OF STATUS OF EAST BERLIN. FOR EXAMPLE, IN US DRAFT ARTICLE 24 WE OFFER PHRASE, "---WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE RECEIVING STATE...", IN RE EXEMPTION FROM TAXES AND DUTIES ON MOVABLE PROPERTY IN CASE OF DEATH. THIS IS OBVIOUS CIRCUMLOCUTION TO AVOID IMPLICATION THAT EAST BERLIN IS IN GDR. WHEN EAST GERMANS ASKED REASONS FOR THIS WE TOLD THEM FRANLY. THIS LED TO SHORT BUT FROSTY DISCUSSION, AND THEN TO A RESERVE ON THEIR PART WHICH THEY EXTENDED TO ALL OTHER ARTICLES WHICH MIGHT RAISE SAME QUESTION. WE DO NOT REGARD THIS PROBLEM AS VERY SERIOUS, BUT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW BRITISH HAVE DEALT WITH IT.

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